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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND STATEMENT OF RELATEDNESS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Copies of the references are enclosed.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications:

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- United States Serial Number 08/743,798, filed November 5, 1996;
 U.S.S.N. 08/899,510, July 24, 1997; U.S.S.N. 08/911,085, filed August 14, 1997, now
 Patent Number 6,090,933; U.S.S.N. 09/557,577, filed April 21, 2000; and U.S.S.N. 09/577,429, filed May 22, 2000.
- 2. U.S.S.N. 08/166,036, filed December 10, 1993, now Patent Number 5,591,578; U.S.S.N. 08/475,051, filed June 7, 1995, now Patent Number 5,824,473; U.S.S.N. 08/660,534, filed June 7, 1995, now Patent Number 5,770,369; U.S.S.N. 08/659,987, filed June 7, 1996, now abandoned; U.S.S.N. 08/709,265, filed September 6, 1996, now Patent Number 5,705,348; U.S.S.N. 08/709,263, filed September 6, 1996, now Patent Number 5,780,235; U.S.S.N. 08/873,598, filed June 12, 1997, now Patent Number 5,952,172; U.S.S.N. 08/946,679, filed October 8, 1997, now Patent Number 6,087,100; U.S.S.N. 09/100,507, filed June 19, 1998, now Patent Number 6,071,699; U.S.S.N. 09/306,749, filed May 7, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/306,737, filed May 7, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/306,768, filed May 7, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/454,498, filed December 6, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/459,751, filed December 10, 1999, now Patent Number 6,180,352; U.S.S.N. 09/454,497, filed December 6, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/458,187, filed December 8, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/454,227, filed April 7, 2000; and U.S.S.N. 09/602,618, filed June 22, 2000.

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- 3. U.S.S.N. 08/312,388, filed September 26, 1994, now Patent Number 5,620,850; U.S.S.N. 08/786,187, filed January 21, 1997; U.S.S.N. 09/296,111, filed April 21, 1999; and 09/296,078, filed April 21, 1999.
- U.S.S.N. 08/786,153, filed January 21, 1997, now abandoned; U.S.S.N. 08/804,883, filed February 24, 1997, now abandoned; and U.S.S.N. 08/843,623, filed
 April 10, 1997.

None of the foregoing references is believed to disclose the invention as claimed.

Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

The required fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order no. A-63761-1/RFT/RMS/RMK).

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